Sanction of irrigation projects in Gujarat

2480. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether minor and medium irrigation projects of Gujarat sanctioned under Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans with the Central assistance could not be implemented;

(b) if so, the names of the projects;

(c) the reasons for non-implementation of these projects; and

(d) which projects of Gujarat under these plans could not be sanctioned for want of environmental clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) In Gujarat, 8 medium irrigation projects have been sanctioned during Ninth and one medium project has been sanctioned during Tenth Five Year Plans with Central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). No minor irrigation project/scheme of Gujarat has been sanctioned under AIBP.

Of the above 9 medium projects, five projects have been completed and reamaining 4 are under implementation by the Government of Gujarat.

Government of Gujarat has informed that no project has been held up for Central assistance for want of environmental clearance.

Flood relief

2481. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to pump Rs. 8000 crore into flood relief in the Eleventh Five Years Plan;

(b) if so, whether it would suffice in view of average annual loss of 1000 lives and Rs. 1800 crore worth of properties, including crops due to perennial floods; and

(c) whether fool-proof flood management techniques would be evolved and their effective implementation ensured by State and district authorities, as past flood relief schemes suffered due to lack of co-ordination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No Sir. However a state sector scheme, namely "Flood Management Programme" for providing Central assistance to the State Governments to undertake flood control and river management works in critical reaches amounting to Rs. 8000 crores has been approved 'in principle' by the Government for Eleventh Plan period in November, 2007.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The flood management schemes are planned, investigated and implemented by the State Governments; which are appraised by State TAC, Central agencies like Central Water Commission and Ganga Flood Control Commission and Advisory Committee of the Union Ministry of Water Resources, depending upon the cost of the scheme(s), as per the guidelines of Planning Commission.